

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application No. 10/795,859

File Date: 03/08/2004

Group Art Unit: 2876

Examiner: Kim, Ahshik

Title: System and Method for Retrieval of Ancestral Information

Commissioner of Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE  
UNITED STATES TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT (37 CFR 1.131b)**

**PURPOSE OF DECLARATION**

1. This declaration is to establish completion of the invention in this application in the United States at a date prior to July 12, 2001, which is the effective date of the primary reference, Pub. No. US2002/0039113 published on April 4, 2002 which was cited by the examiner in the pending office action mailed May 19, 2005.

2. The person making this declaration is the inventor of this invention.

**FACTS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

3. To establish the date of reduction to practice of the invention of this application the following attached document is submitted as evidence:

**Universal Consulting Service of Tampa  
Declaration of Confidentiality & Non-Use**

From this document, it can be seen that the invention in this application was made well prior to the date of July 11, 2001, which is a date earlier than the effective date of the reference. Prior to the notarized date of submittal of my complete invention disclosure to Universal Consulting Service of Tampa on a confidential basis, in February

of 2001, I attended the February meeting of the Manasota Genealogical Society to hear Mr. George Morgan speak on cemeteries as I am particularly interested in this subject and was hoping that his presentation would further reinforce the uniqueness and utility of my invention. At that time, I had already conceived and reduced the invention to practice. Following the meeting, I made a private confidential disclosure of my invention generally to Mr. Morgan to obtain his feedback on the idea. Although specific details were not disclosed or revealed to Mr. Morgan, he had a sufficient understanding of the invention to provide positive supportive feedback and then suggested the possibility of obtaining patent protection for my idea.

#### TIME OF PRESENTATION OF THE DECLARATION

This declaration is submitted prior to final rejection of this application.

#### DECLARATION

As a person signing below:

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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Inventor Signature

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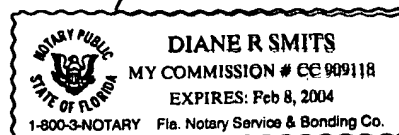
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Sworn and subscribed to me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2001  
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## New Product Record Of Disclosure

Be it known that: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.

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Conceived the new product concept illustrated within and which is currently being described or known as:

ANCESTOR I. D. AND SYNTHETIC GRAVESTONES  
(Name Of New Product Concept - Same As On Declaration Of Confidentiality & Non-Use)

on or approximate to the date of 1995/2001. By signing below, the  
Entrepreneur, upon oath, does state they he / she believes himself to be the original and sole  
creator(s) of the device described herein. He / She maintains that all dates and statements made in  
this document are true to the best of his / her knowledge, sworn before witnesses this day of

11<sup>th</sup> of July, 2001

(First Date Professionally Disclosed)

Joseph L Kennedy  
Inventor's Signature

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Spouse / Partner / Co-Inventor Signature

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Consultant's Signature

## New Product Concept Drawing

Please illustrate your product in side and top views

Please clearly label all components and parts.

## New Product Concept Characteristics

Materials needed to manufacture (Please check all that apply):

☐ Plastic ☐ Rubber ☐ Wood ☐ Steel ☐ Aluminum ☐ Foam ☐ Fabric ☐ Cardboard

☐ Velcro ☐ Glass ☒ Metal ☒ Other ANCESTOR F.D. MEDALLION OR DISC  
made of DURABLE metal, (ie) bronze, stainless steel, platinum,  
titanium. synthetic gravestones — recycled plastic

## New Product Concept Description

Describe your New Product Concept (what it is, what it does, how it works, what problems it would solve, features, advantages, etc.). Please be specific.

ANCESTOR I.D. is a metal medallion affixed to a gravestone or other burial marker(s)/monuments in order to provide a perpetual reference to genealogical information stored in a permanent database.

synthetic gravestones/markers - used in place of conventional marble, granite, concrete, and other stone. Would be more durable, environmentally friendly, and hopefully less expensive. ANCESTOR I.D. could be incorporated into these new gravestones.

What part of your idea excites you the most when you think about it and what is your personal story behind developing this concept?

ANCESTOR I.D. will provide instant recognition that registered information is electronically accessible to researchers. Similarly, researchers could locate gravesites that have been registered.

synthetic gravestone - could outlast conventional gravestones by hundreds of years. They would not be susceptible to environmentally degradation.

## New Product Concept Development Status

Do you have a working model or prototype? Yes ☒ No

If your idea is electrical, do you have wiring diagrams / schematics? Yes / ☒ No (If yes, please attach)

If your idea is mechanical, are all components labeled? Yes / No (If no, refer to New Product Concept Illustration) ☒ N/A

### ***New Product Concept Protection Status***

- Have you performed a Patent Search? Yes ☒ No ☐ ■ If yes, do you have a copy to provide? Yes / No
- Have you performed a Trademark Search? Yes ☒ No ☐ ■ If yes, do you have a copy to provide? Yes / No
- Have you filed a Patent Application? Yes ☒ No ☐ ■ If yes, do you have a copy to provide? Yes / No
- Have you filed a Trademark Application? Yes ☒ No ☐ ■ If yes, do you have a copy to provide? Yes / No
- Have you filed a Copyright Application? Yes ☒ No ☐ ■ If yes, do you have a copy to provide? Yes / No
- Do you have an issued Patent? Yes ☒ No ☐ ■ Which Kind? ☐ Utility ☐ Provisional ☐ Other
- If yes, do you have a copy to provide? Yes / No
- Do you have an issued Copyright? Yes ☒ No ☐ ■ If yes, do you have a copy to provide? Yes / No
- Do you have an issued Trademark? Yes ☒ No ☐ ■ If yes, do you have a copy to provide? Yes / No

### ***Miscellaneous Information***

Do you have any Co-Inventors? No  
or Partners? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you perceive the cost to be: Manufacturing Cost? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Retail Price? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any similar ideas on the market? Yes ☒ No ☐ ■ If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any additional information that you think may be helpful. \_\_\_\_\_

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